

AFFIDAVIT

Agency ORI Number
FL05300000

Sheriff's

Polk County



Office

Bartow, FL

FORM #9013 - Revised 01/08/03

INCIDENT NUMBER
2012-074757

JUVENILE

ADULT

BOOKING #

OBTS #

IN CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY,

SUBMITTING MEMBER DETECTIVE SAM BUNCH III

MEMBER # 5623

DATE/TIME OF ARREST/INCIDENT 09/22/2012 21:00

EVIDENCE COLLECTED

YES

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NO

LOCATION OF INCIDENT 7078 GREENBRIER VILLAGE DRIVE, LAKE LAND, FL

CROSS STREET DUFF ROAD

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

ARREST REPORT



CITY OF LAKE LAND

COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF FLORIDA.

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIANT SWEARS SHE/HE HAS JUST AND REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT ON

09/19/2012

AT

APPROXIMATELY 08:00 AM IN THE VICINITY OF POLK COUNTY, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

GOODSON CASSIDY

ALIAS

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ADDRESS 7078 GREENBRIER VILLAGE DRIVE LAKE LAND FL 33810

PHONE

RACE WHITE SEX FEMALE DOB 11/22/1997 HT 5-03 WT 100 EYE BLUE HAIR BROWN

COMPLEXION FAIR/LIGHT BUILD SLENDER SPEECH NORMAL POB

SCARS/MARKS/TATTOOS NONE

MARITAL STATUS SINGLE

DL# ST FL SS# OCCUPATION NONE

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL KATHLEEN HIGH SCHOOL

PHONE UNKNOWN

JUV-PARENTS TERESA GOODSON

PHONE

PROBABLE CAUSE TO FOLLOW VICTIM/WITNESS INFORMATION

COMMITTED THE OFFENSE(S) OF:

- 1) WILFUL KILL-MURDER PREMEDITATED 53-2412 CJ-003383-00000-08 FSS 782.04(1A1) LEVEL/DEGREE F/C
- 2) AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE FSS 827.03(2) LEVEL/DEGREE F/I

VICTIM: BABY GOODSON
NAME7078 GREENBRIER VILLAGE LAKE LAND, FL
ADDRESS

PHONE

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PROBABLE CAUSE:

ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS, TERESA GOODSON OBSERVED A LOT OF BLOOD IN AND AROUND THE TOILET AREA OF THE BATHROOM IMMEDIATELY AFTER HER FOURTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, CASSIDY, USED THE BATHROOM. AS A RESULT OF HER FINDING, MRS. GOODSON TOOK CASSIDY GOODSON TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF LAKE LAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. MEDICAL STAFF ADVISED MRS. GOODSON, CASSIDY SHOWED SIGNS OF A MISCARRIAGE AND SHE HAD FOUR TO FIVE (4-5) LACERATIONS TO THE INTERIOR VAGINAL WALL. DURING THIS HOSPITAL VISIT, CASSIDY ADMITTED TO HER MOTHER SHE (CASSIDY) HAD A MISCARRIAGE AND FLUSHED THE FETUS DOWN THE TOILET WITHOUT LOOKING.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2012, AT APPROXIMATELY 1930 HOURS, MRS. GOODSON WAS COLLECTING DIRTY LAUNDRY FROM CASSIDY'S BEDROOM AND SMELLED A FOUL ODOR COMING FROM A STORAGE STOOL. MRS. GOODSON COLLECTED A PLASTIC BAG THAT CONTAINED WET CLOTHING FROM THE STOOL AND PLACED IT IN THE KITCHEN SINK SO SHE COULD SORT THE WET ITEMS. WHILE COLLECTING THE CLOTHING, MRS. GOODSON LOCATED A DECEASED BABY INSIDE THE BAG, CONCEALED UNDERNEATH THE WET CLOTHING. MRS. GOODSON, IN A PANIC, CALLED HER SISTERS, WHO IN TURN CALLED 911. POLK COUNTY EMS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND NOTIFIED THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GOODSON, SHE ADVISED OVER THE PAST FIVE (5) MONTHS FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED TO HER THAT CASSIDY MAY BE PREGNANT. MRS. GOODSON ADVISED SHE HAS GIVEN CASSIDY TWO (2) PREGNANCY TESTS, WHICH THE TESTS GAVE NO RESPONSE WHICH SHE INTERPRETED AS A NEGATIVE RESULT. MRS. GOODSON ADVISED SHE HAS OBSERVED CASSIDY TO HAVE GAINED WEIGHT OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS AND THAT SHE (CASSIDY) HAS BEEN WEARING SWEATSHIRTS AND JACKETS. MRS. GOODSON ADVISED CASSIDY, WHEN CONFRONTED, HAS TOLD HER SHE WAS NOT PREGNANT AND WAS STILL A VIRGIN.

TIMOTHY GOODSON, STEP FATHER, ADVISED HE HAS OBSERVED CASSIDY TO GAIN WEIGHT OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS. MR. GOODSON ADVISED CASSIDY WOULD WEAR JACKETS AND SWEATSHIRTS OUTSIDE AND WOULD KEEP A BLANKET OVER HER WHILE WALKING THROUGH THEIR RESIDENCE.

INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED WITH CASSIDY GOODSON'S MATERNAL AUNTS. BOTH AUNTS ADVISED THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST FIVE (5) MONTHS TO MRS. GOODSON THAT CASSIDY WAS PREGNANT. THEY OBSERVED CASSIDY TO HAVE GAINED WEIGHT, PRIMARILY IN HER STOMACH AREA. THE AUNTS ADVISED CASSIDY WOULD WEAR BAGGY SWEATSHIRTS OR JACKETS TO COVER HER ABDOMEN, EVEN DURING THE SUMMER.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2012, A POST MIRANDA INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED WITH CASSIDY GOODSON. POST MIRANDA, CASSIDY ADVISED THE FOLLOWING: SHE HAS BEEN FEELING ILL, VOMITING AND HAVING DIARRHEA STARTING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012, HER MOTHER MADE HER AWARE THAT BECAUSE OF THESE AILMENTS SHE SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT WITH HER PEDIATRICIAN. WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, CASSIDY STILL FELT THE SAME AND AT ONE POINT, SHE WENT TO THE BATHROOM FEELING AS THOUGH SHE HAD TO DEFECCATE. ONCE SITTING ON THE TOILET, CASSIDY STATED, SHE FELT AN EXTREME AMOUNT OF PRESSURE AND A SENSATION TO "PUSH". CASSIDY ADVISED WHILE PUSHING, SHE REACHED BETWEEN HER LEGS AND FELT WHAT SHE BELIEVED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE CHILD AS IT WAS MOVING DOWN THE BIRTH CANAL. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE FOUND A PAIR OF SCISSORS NEARBY AND TRIED TO USE THE SCISSORS TO "PRY" THE CHILD OUT. CASSIDY ADVISED THE CHILD FELL INTO THE TOILET, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE PLACENTA. CASSIDY STATED SHE FELT FOR A PULSE, WHICH WAS PRESENT, AND OBSERVED THE CHILD MOVE. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE PLACED HER HANDS AROUND THE NECK OF THE CHILD AND CHOKED IT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE, TO STOP THE CHILD FROM BREATHING. CASSIDY ADVISED AFTER SHE CHOKED THE CHILD, SHE FELT FOR A PULSE, WHICH THERE WAS NONE. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE THEN ATTEMPTED TO CLEAN HERSELF AND THE CHILD UP AND THEN HID THE DEAD CHILD IN HER ROOM.

CASSIDY ADVISED SHE DID NOT TELL ANYONE, ESPECIALLY HER PARENTS, OR THE POSSIBLE FATHER OF THE CHILD, SHE WAS PREGNANT. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE WORE BAGGY, LOOSE CLOTHING IN AN ATTEMPT TO HIDE HER PREGNANCY FROM EVERYONE. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE WAS AWARE OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, I.E. CARING FOR THE VICTIM OR ADOPTION. CASSIDY ADVISED SHE TERMINATED THE LIFE OF THE CHILD BECAUSE SHE WAS AFRAID HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER PARENTS WOULD CHANGE.

ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED ON THE VICTIM BY MEDICAL EXAMINER, DR. STEPHEN NELSON. DR. NELSON DESCRIBED THE VICTIM AS FULL TERM, APPROXIMATELY 39-40 WEEKS, MEASURING 20.4 INCHES LONG AND WEIGHING 9.5 POUNDS. DR. NELSON ADVISED THE BABY WAS ALIVE

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INDEPENDENT OF THE MOTHER AND BREATHING PRIOR TO DEATH. DR. NELSON NOTED 32 SUBSCAPULAR CONTUSIONS, HEMORRHAGES AND SEVERE HEAD TRAUMA CONSISTENT WITH BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE HEAD BEING STRUCK REPEATEDLY BY SCISSORS. DR. NELSON ALSO NOTED CONTUSIONS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF NECK/JAW AREA AND STERNUM WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH STRANGULATION. DR. NELSON RULED THE DEATH AS A HOMICIDE CAUSED FROM THE MULTIPLE BLUNT FORCE INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEAD TRAUMA AND OBSERVATIONS CONFIRMING ASPHYXIA FROM STRANGULATION.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, THIS 25 DAY OF September 20 12

Det. [Signature] #489

DEPUTY CLERK/NOTARY
-PUBLIC/LEO

Det. [Signature] 507

AFFIANT

PERSONALLY KNOWN

PRODUCED ID

ID TYPE

NO BILL/PETITION

PROSECUTION

ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY